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PREFACE.

This leaflet has been published to satisfy the constant demand of tourists for an accurate and permanent copy of the many inscriptions on the interior and exterior walls of the Lincoln Memorial Building at the birth--place of Abraham Lincoln.

It also presents a sketch of the memorial building and cabin contained therein and the Frontispiece offers a likeness of the structure that houses the home in which Lincoln was born.

Those desiring a more extensive description of the places of interest at Lincoln National Park may secure a forty-page booklet with eighteen views of the park, including the log cabin. Another leaflet giving the orations of three presidents, Roosevelt, Taft, and Wilson, on the occasions of their visits to the Park can be obtained. Both books may be purchased from the publishers of this leaflet.

THE MEMORIAL BUILDING.

The Lincoln Memorial Building situated at Hodgenville, Ky., was erected by the Lincoln Farm Association to mark the birth-place of Abraham Lincoln and conserve the cabin in which he was born. Funds were raised by public subscription largely through the medium of "Collier's Weekly."

Three noteworthy celebrations were arranged during the erection of the building; the laying of the corner stone by President Theodore Roosevelt, on Feb. 12, 1909, the hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth; the dedication of the building by President William Howard Taft, on Nov. 9, 1911; and the acceptance of the structure by Woodrow Wilson, on behalf of the United States of America, on Sept. 4, 1916.

The log cabin within the memorial building is practically the same as in the day of Lincoln's birth. A few logs from another cabin were used to replace those broken in moving the cabin about for exhibition purposes, but the most of the 143 logs are from the original building and reconstructed in its original design. The post in the center of the cabin was placed there to mark the spot from which the cabin was moved to the Nashville Centennial in 1894.

EXTERIOR INSCRIPTIONS

ON

MEMORIAL BUILDING

**HERE
OVER THE LOG CABIN WHERE ABRAHAM
LINCOLN WAS BORN DESTINED TO
PRESERVE THE UNION AND FREE THE SLAVE
A GRATEFUL PEOPLE HAVE DEDICATED
THIS MEMORIAL TO UNITY PEACE
AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG THE STATES**

**WITH MALICE TOWARDS NONE,
WITH CHARITY FOR ALL**

**LET US HAVE FAITH
THAT RIGHT MAKES MIGHT,
AND IN THAT FAITH LET US TO
THE END DARE TO DO OUR DUTY**

Cooper Institute, N. Y. Feb. 27, 1860.

**STAND WITH ANYBODY THAT
STANDS RIGHT
STAND WITH HIM WHILE HE
IS RIGHT, AND PART WITH HIM
WHEN HE GOES WRONG**

Peoria, Ill., Oct. 16, 1854.

THIS MEMORIAL
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BY POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION
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NOVEMBER 9, 1911

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INSCRIPTIONS WITHIN

HE WAS THE NORTH, THE SOUTH, THE EAST, THE WEST.
THE THRALL, THE MASTER, ALL OF US IN ONE;
THERE WAS NO SECTION THAT HE HELD THE BEST;
HIS LOVE SHOWN AS IMPARTIAL AS THE SUN;
AND SO REVENGE APPEALED TO HIM IN VAIN,
HE SMILED AT IT AS AT A THING FORLORN,
AND GENTLY PUT IT FROM HIM, ROSE AND STOOD
A MOMENTS SPACE IN PAIN,
REMEMBERING THE PRARIES AND THE CORN
AND THE GLAD VOICES OF THE FIELD AND WOOD.

MAURICE THOMPSON

THE COLOR OF THE GROUND WAS IN HIM THE RED EARTH
THE SMELL AND SMACK OF ELEMENTAL THINGS:
THE RECTITUDE AND PATIENCE OF THE CLIFF;
THE GOOD WILL OF THE RAIN THAT LOVES ALL LEAVES;
THE FRIENDLY WELCOME OF THE WAYSIDE WELL;
THE COURAGE OF THE BIRD THAT DARES THE SEA;
THE GLADNESS OF THE WIND THAT SHAKES THE CORN;
THE MERCY OF THE SNOW THAT HIDES ALL SCARS;
THE SECRECY OF STREAMS THAT MAKE THEIR WAY
BENEATH THE MOUNTAIN TO THE RIFTED ROCK;
THE UNDELAYING JUSTICE OF THE LIGHT
THAT GLIDES AS FREELY TO THE SHRINKING FLOWER
AS TO THE GREAT OAK FLARING TO THE WIND
TO THE GRAVES LOW HILL AS TO THE MATTERHORN
THAT SHOULDERS OUT THE SKY.

EDWIN MARKHAM

MEMORIAL BUILDING

I WAS BORN FEB. 12, 1809, IN HARDIN COUNTY KENTUCKY. MY PARENTS WERE BORN IN VIRGINIA. MY MOTHER WHO DIED IN MY TENTH YEAR, WAS OF A FAMILY OF THE NAME OF HANKS. MY FATHER AT THE DEATH OF HIS FATHER WAS BUT SIX YEARS OF AGE, AND HE GREW UP, LITTERALLY WITHOUT EDUCATION. HE REMOVED FROM KENTUCKY TO WHAT IS NOW SPENCER COUNTY, INDIANA, IN MY EIGHTH YEAR. WE REACHED OUR NEW HOME ABOUT THE TIME THE STATE CAME INTO THE UNION. IT WAS A WILD REGION, WITH MANY BEARS AND OTHER WILD ANIMALS, STILL IN THE WOODS. THERE I GREW UP. THERE WERE SOME SCHOOLS, SO CALLED. THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING TO EXCITE AMBITION FOR EDUCATION. OF COURSE WHEN I CAME OF AGE I DID NOT KNOW MUCH. STILL, SOMEHOW, I COULD READ, WRITE, AND CIPHER TO THE RULE OF THREE, BUT THAT WAS ALL. THE LITTLE ADVANCE I NOW HAVE UPON THIS STORE OF EDUCATION, I HAVE PICKED UP FROM TIME TO TIME, UNDER THE PRESSURE OF NECESSITY.

A. LINCOLN

THOMAS LINCOLN

January 30, 1770

January 17, 1851

FIFTH IN DESCENT FROM SAMUEL LINCOLN, WEAVER, WHO LANDED AT HINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS, MAY 26, 1637. ORPHANED AT SIX YEARS OF AGE BY AN INDIAN BULLET HE GREW UP HOMELESS IN THE WILD WOODS OF KENTUCKY. AT TWENTY-FIVE HE WAS THE POSSESSOR OF THIS CABIN HOME AND ITS NEIGHBORING ACRES. IN 1818 HE MOVED TO INDIANA, THEN A TERRITORY, FIVE YEARS LATER HE FOLLOWED THE TIDE OF IMMIGRATION TO ILLINOIS, WHERE HE LIVED A PEACEFUL, INDUSTRIOUS, RESPECTED CITIZEN, A GENERAL, HONEST AND CONTENTED PIONEER. WITH COURAGE AND ENERGY HE BUILT WITH HIS OWN HAND FIVE HOMES, EACH BETTER THAN THE PRECEEDING ONE, HE WON AND HELD THE LOVE AND CONFIDENCE OF TWO NOBLE WOMEN AND HE WAS THE FATHER OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN. "MY FATHER INSISTED THAT NONE OF HIS CHILDREN SHOULD SUFFER FOR THE WANT OF EDUCATION AS HE HAD."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"HE WAS A GOOD CARPENTER FOR THE TIMES. HE HAD THE BEST SET OF TOOLS IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE LINCOLNS HAD A COW AND A CALF, MILK AND BUTTER, A GOOD FEATHER BED—FOR I HAVE SLEPT ON IT, THEY HAD A HOME-WOVEN 'KIVERLID,' BIG AND LITTLE POTS, A LOOM AND WHEEL. TOM LINCOLN WAS A MAN AND TOOK CARE OF HIS WIFE. REVEREND JESSE HEAD, THE MINISTER WHO MARRIED TOM LINCOLN AND NANCY HANKS, TALKED BOLDLY AGAINST SLAVERY AND TOM AND NANCY LINCOLN AND SARAH BUSH WERE JUST STEEPED FULL OF JESSE HEAD'S NOTIONS ABOUT THE WRONGS OF SLAVERY AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN AS EXPLAINED BY THOMAS JEFFERSON AND THOMAS PAINE."

Professor T. C. Graham of Louisville, Kentucky

NANCY HANKS LINCOLN

February 4, 1784

October 5, 1818

BORN IN VIRGINIA; WHEN THREE YEARS OLD HER PARENTS JOSEPH AND NANCY SHIPLEY HANKS, CROSSED THE MOUNTAINS INTO KENTUCKY. ORPHANED AT NINE SHE WAS ADOPTED AND REARED BY RICHARD AND LUCY SHIPLEY BERRY, AT WHOSE HOME IN BEECHLAND, WASHINGTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, SHE WAS MARRIED TO THOMAS LINCOLN, JUNE 17, 1806. OF THIS UNION WERE BORN SARAH, ABRAHAM AND THOMAS. THE FIRST MARRIED AARON GRIGSBY AND DIED IN INDIANA IN 1828. THE LAST DIED IN INFANCY. THE SECOND LIVED TO WRITE THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION. THE DAYS OF THE DISTAFF, THE SKILLETT, THE DUTCH OVEN, THE OPEN FIREPLACE WITH ITS IRON CRANE ARE NO LONGER, BUT HOMEMAKING IS STILL THE FINEST OF THE FINE ARTS. NANCY HANKS WAS TOUCHED WITH THE DIVINE APTITUDES OF THE FIRESIDE. LOVE AND HONORED FOR HER WIT, GENIALITY AND INTELLIGENCE, SHE JUSTIFIED AN ANCESTRY REACHING BEYOND THE SEAS, REPRESENTED BY THE NOTABLE NAMES OF HANKS, SHIPLEY, BOONE, EVANS AND MORRIS. TO HER WAS ENTRUSTED THE TASK OF TRAINING A GIANT, IN WHOSE CHILDHOOD MEMORIES SHE WAS HALLOWED. OF HER HE SAID, "MY EARLIEST RECOLLECTIONS OF MY MOTHER IS SITTING AT HER FEET WITH MY SISTER DRINKING IN THE TALES AND LEGENDS THAT WERE READ AND RELATED TO US." TO HIM ON HER DEATH BED SHE SAID: 'I AM GOING AWAY FROM YOU ABRAHAM, AND I SHALL NOT RETURN. I KNOW YOU WILL BE A GOOD BOY, THAT YOU WILL BE KIND TO SARAH AND YOUR FATHER. I WANT YOU TO LIVE AS I HAVE TAUGHT YOU TO AND TO LOVE YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER.' "ALL THAT I AM OR HOPE TO BE I OWE TO MY DARLING MOTHER."

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